

March 11, 2009: Over \$25 Million Secured for Orange County Projects

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REP. SANCHEZ ANNOUNCES OVER \$25 MILLION FOR ORANGE COUNTY PROJECTS

WASHINGTON - Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today announced that she secured over \$25 million in critical funding for projects in Orange County that are included in the Omnibus Appropriations Act. The bill passed the Senate last night, and the House last week. It will now go to President Obama, who is expected to sign it into law.

"It is my responsibility to fight for funds that will protect and create jobs, and provide a better life for families in my district," said Sanchez. "This bill will direct millions of dollars to projects that will combat unemployment and create jobs, rebuild infrastructure, improve local law enforcement, and provide high-quality health care. California families can depend on me to keep fighting for them in Washington."

The projects listed below are organized by the individual funding bill under which each project will receive funding:

Agriculture

- \$134,000 for Efficient Irrigation Systems in Orange County

The Municipal Water District of Orange County will receive funding to install "smart" irrigation sprinklers on all large governmental and commercial tracks of land. Once implemented, these high-efficiency irrigation systems will save over 40,000 acre-feet of water per year by automatically adjusting sprinkler water use based on weather conditions.

Commerce, Justice, Science

- \$300,000 for the Chapman University Domestic Violence Clinic in Anaheim

Funding will allow Chapman Law School to expand its Domestic Violence Clinic, which provides direct legal services to 300-500 domestic violence victims in the 47th congressional district each year.

- \$500,000 for the Orange County District Attorney DNA Expansion Project

Funding for the purchase of three mobile DNA collection vehicles will help local law enforcement officials collect onsite DNA evidence at five branch courts in Orange County.

- \$100,000 for Law Enforcement Body Armor in Fullerton

The Fullerton Police Department will receive funding for the purchase of cutting-edge body armor. This technology will afford the highest level of safety to law enforcement officials and reduce the total number of officer disability cases.

- \$200,000 for an Automated Report Writing System for the Garden Grove Police Department

Funding for the system would increase efficiency in the Garden Grove Police Department by providing electronic reporting for patrol, investigations, and front desk personnel; implementing document scanning and digital storage and retrieval technology; and disseminating all documents electronically. Efficient administration systems will allow police officers to spend more time providing law enforcement services to the community.

Energy and Water

- \$14 million for the Santa Ana River Mainstream Project

Funding for this project will provide necessary flood protection to the growing urban communities in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates that a major flood would endanger more than 3.5 million people, kill 3,000 people, and cause up to \$15 billion in property damage in these counties alone.

- \$558,000 for the Orange Country Regional Water Reclamation Project

This project, also known as the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), is a water supply initiative designed to reuse approximately 140,000 acre-feet of treated and recycled wastewater every year.

- \$860,000 for the Westminster/East Garden Grove Watershed Study

Funding would help the Army Corps of Engineers continue its comprehensive study of the Westminster Watershed to develop a rehabilitation plan that will consider flood control, ecosystem restoration, recreation, and water quality solutions.

- \$2.87 million for the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration

Funding for this initiative will help manage sedimentation in the Bay by increasing the capacity of sediment basins, restoring and enhancing estuarine habitats, and improving educational and recreational opportunities.

- \$546,000 for the Surfside-Sunset and Newport Beaches

Funding will help mitigate damage along 17 miles of the Orange County coastline that was caused by the construction of federal navigation and flood control works in Long Beach and Anaheim Bay.

- \$369,000 for a Feasibility Study on the Aliso Creek Mainstem Project

Funding for the project will help create stable flood plain areas and regenerate native riparian habitats, which will result in cooler water and improve fish health.

Interior

- \$500,000 for the Yockey/Newland Storm Drain in Garden Grove

This project is the top flood mitigation initiative in Garden Grove's Master Drainage Plan. Construction of the nearly two mile long storm drain will resolve approximately 40% of the City's significant flooding issues.

- \$300,000 for the Orange County Sanitation District Secondary Treatment Upgrade

Funding for this project will upgrade wastewater treatment facilities and help provide a clean, drought-proof source of drinking water for Orange County residents.

Labor, HHS, Education

- \$238,000 for the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Medical Education Complex in Garden Grove

RSCCD will receive necessary funding for the purchase of classroom and lab equipment. The District's medical education complex helps address Orange County's nursing shortage by educating and training additional medical personnel.

- \$190,000 for CSU-Fullerton's Center for the Prevention of Childhood Obesity

Federal funding will be used to help further develop community-based initiatives to reduce "at risk" health and metabolic syndrome indicators in children.

- \$190,000 for the THRIVE OC, AltaMed Health Services in Santa Ana

Additional funding will support the purchase and installation of electronic medical record technology and advanced patient management systems at AltaMed Health Services' three community clinics in Santa Ana.

- \$714,000 for the Daisy Wheel Network Program in Santa Ana

This program provides comprehensive, one-stop services to job seekers and employers to address the educational, linguistic, and skill deficiencies that hinder workers' ability to secure employment.

Transportation, Treasury, HUD

- \$2,612,500 for the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC)

This ARTIC intermodal transportation center in Anaheim will ultimately provide everything from regional bus service to planned high technology transportation systems. Funding for this project will help expand existing transportation infrastructure for Amtrak intercity rail, Metrolink commuter rail, Orange County rapid transit systems, and Anaheim Resort shuttles.

- \$190,000 for the Renovation and Expansion of the Fullerton Boys and Girls Club

Funding for this project will help renovate and expand the Fullerton Boys and Girls Club facility, which provides enriching after-school and summer activities for over 300 children each day.

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